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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/809,814	Applicant(s) KHANUJA ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 March 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3-9 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 3 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2 and 10-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on March 5, 2008, has been entered.

Status of Application, Amendments, and/or Claims

2. Claims 1-12 are pending. Claims 3-9 are withdrawn as being directed to non-elected subject matter. Claims 1, 2, 10, 11 and 12 are under examination. Any objections and rejections not reiterated below are hereby withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 2 recites "The oligonucleotide as claimed in claim 1, wherein the domain is from 241 to 261 nucleotide position of *gyr A* gene from translation start site of *E. coli*. SEQ ID NO: 1 recited in claim 1 is 21 nucleotides long. The domain recited in claim 2 is 20 nucleotides in length. The relationship of the domain recited in claim 2 to SEQ ID NO: 1 in claim 1 is unclear.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

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4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yoshida et al. (Mol Gen Genet., 1988).

With regard to claims 10-12, Yoshida et al. teach SEQ ID NOs 3 and 4 (see p. 4 and the alignment below).

SEQ ID NO: 3 1 AATTTGCGACCTTTGAATCCG 21

Yoshida et al. 137 AATTTGCGACCTTTGAATCCG 157

SEQ ID NO : 4 1 CTGGGTCTGGGAGTAGAGGTTG 22

Yoshida et al. 1158 CTGGGTCTGGGAGTAGAGGTTG 1137

With regard to the rejections of claims 10-12 over Yoshida, Yoshida et al. teach the nucleotide sequences comprising SEQ ID NOs 3 and 4 respectively.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicants' arguments filed March 5, 2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicants arguments regarding claim 1 are persuasive. Yoshida does not teach an isolated oligonucleotide *consisting of* SEQ ID NO:1. With respect to claims 10-12, Applicants arguments are not persuasive because there is no recitation in these claims of *consisting of*. Additionally if Applicants amend to recite the language *consisting of*, these are primer sequences for a known gene and therefore it is well known by a skilled artisan how to chose primers for a known sequence. In the absence of unexpected results it would be obvious to chose primers for a know gene sequence.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claim 1 is allowed. SEQ ID NO:1 is free of the prior art.

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Correspondence

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Heather G. Calamita whose telephone number is 571.272.2876 and whose e-mail address is heather.calamita@uspto.gov. However, the office cannot guarantee security through the e-mail system nor should official papers be transmitted through this route. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Benzion can be reached at 571.272.0782.

Papers related to this application may be faxed to Group 1637 via the PTO Fax Center using the fax number 571.273.8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to 571.272.0547.

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